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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/559,207	KOTHEN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Trevor McGraw	3752	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 August 2006.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-9 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 6-9 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Page 5 through the first paragraph of Page 7, filed 08/17/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Marsch et al. (DE 2746901).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marsch et al. (DE 2746901).

In regard to claims 6-9, Marsch et al. teaches a fuel injection nozzle comprising a housing (1) where the housing has a needle bore (2) having a central axis (Figure 1) and a lower portion (Figure 1) with a needle seat (6) where an axial dimension of the lower portion is substantially smaller than the axial length of the bore (Figure 1) where an outside surface (Figure 1) is radially spaced from the center axis. Marsch et al. also teaches a cooling duct (12) being arranged around the lower portion of the bore (2) where the cooling duct is closer to the bore (2) than the outside surface of the housing

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(1), where the cooling duct (12) has a cross-sectional area in a plane through the central axis and a cross sectional area having a height in the axial direction and a width transverse to the axis where the width is less than the height and where the cooling duct further extends axially as far as the needle seat (6) [(Figure 1)]. Marsch et al. further teaches, an entire height of the cooling duct (12) being arranged at the lower portion of the proximate the needle seat (Figure 1) and a cooling medium inflow line (15) having a first portion extend axially in the housing and a second portion connecting the first portion to the cooling duct (12) [(Figure 1)], where the cross sectional area of the cooling duct (12) is at least approximately twice the cross sectional area of the cooling medium inflow line (15).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsch et al. (DE 2746901).

In regard to claim 7 and 8, Marsch et al. discloses the claimed invention except for the width of the cooling duct (12) is 0.1 to 0.9 times the height. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to provide for the width of the cooling duct (12) to be 0.1 to 0.9 times the height of the cooling duct (12), since applicant has not disclosed how making the cooling duct (12) width 0.1 to 0.9 times the height solves any stated

problem or is for any particular purpose and it appears that the invention would perform equally well with the width and height being the same ratio in regard to width and height.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trevor McGraw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7375. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (2nd & 4th Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (571) 272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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